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In re Patent Application of:)
Günter KOHRMANN) Examiner: Unknown
Serial No.: New Application) Group Art Unit: Unknown
Filed: March 9, 2001)
For: ARRANGEMENT FOR THE)
CONTAMINATION-FREE PROCESSING)
OF REACTION SEQUENCES, IN)
PARTICULAR MOLECULAR-BIOLOGICAL)
REACTION SEQUENCES, CLOSURE CARRIER)
AND INDIVIDUAL CLOSURE ELEMENTS FOR)
SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, AND STORAGE)
DISPENSING ARRANGEMENT FOR)
INDIVIDUAL CLOSURE ELEMENTS)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The following documents are discussed in the specification:

U.S. Patent No. 4,599,314	EP 0 734 769
U.S. Patent No. 5,683,659	EP 0 976 453
EP 0 676 643	WO 99/44745
	WO 00/02661.

The following documents were cited in the corresponding German application by the German Patent Office:

U.S. Patent No. 3,107,810	EP 0 149 797
U.S. Patent No. 3,888,045	DE 195 11 841
U.S. Patent No. 4,022,352	

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing of this application or entry into the national stage of this application, or before the first Office Action

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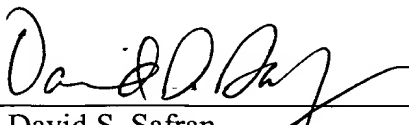
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on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

It is requested that the accompanying information disclosure statement be considered and made of record in the above-captioned application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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